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SUBJECT: US-ITALY BILATERAL ENERGY WORKING GROUP (EWG): SEPT-
EMBER 5 MEETING

REF: A. ROME 12207; B. STATE 202080; C. ROME DS4 OF
8/27/75

1. IN MEETING WITH ECOMIN AUGUST 29, MFA ENERGY COORDINATOR
MIGLIUOLO CONFIRMED GOI'S ACCEPTANCE OF SEPTEMBER 5 DATE,
CONDITIONAL ONLY UPON PRESENCE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS.

2. MIGLIUOLO NOTED THAT INITIAL REPORTS FROM URANIUM SUB-
GROUP WERE SOMEWHAT DISCOURAGING AND STRESSED NEED TO CONTINUE
MOMENTUM THUS FAR GENERATED IN EWG. HE HOPED SEPTEMBER 5
MEETING COULD CONCENTRATE ON FINANCIAL ISSUES. IN RESPONSE TO
EMBOFF QUESTION RE EXISTENCE SUFFICIENT FINANCIAL DATA TO
PERMIT FRUITFUL DISCUSSIONS, MIGLIUOLO REPLIED THAT NATIONAL
ENERGY PLAN (REF C) CONTAINED ADEQUATE DATA FOR DISCUSSIONS.
EMBOFFS NOTED THAT NATIONAL ENERGY PLAN, WHICH INCLUDES NUCLEAR
PROGRAM, HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED AND HAS BEEN WIDELY CRITICIZED
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BY VARIOUS POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS. ACKNOWLEDGING

SOME ELEMENTS OF THE PLAN HAVE DRAWN FIRE, MIGLIUOLO EMPHASIZED THAT BASIC DIMENSIONS AND NEED FOR URGENCY ON BASIC NUCLEAR PROGRAM REMAIN UNCHALLENGED. ONLY CONTROVERSIAL ELEMENTS IN NUCLEAR PORTION ARE DIVISION OF CONTRACTS AMONG POTENTIAL SUPPLIERS (INCLUDING POSSIBILITY OF CANADIAN PARTICIPATION) AND SITING. HE FORESAW PASSAGE OF THE NUCLEAR ENERGY PACKAGE IN THE FALL ALONG LINES ALREADY SET OUT, I.E. IN DRAFT NATIONAL ENERGY PLAN (REF C).

3. MIGLIUOLO AGAIN URGED U.S. SIDE TO AVOID "LEGALISTIC POSITIONS" BASED ON NARROW INTERPRETATION OF POSSIBILITIES OPEN FOR USG ASSISTANCE. HE CITED EXIM BANK PRESIDENT CASEY'S COPENHAGEN SPEECH, WHICH FORESAW POSSIBLE EXIM BANK ROLE IN ORGANIZING FINANCING CONSORTIA FOR MAJOR PROJECTS, AS EXAMPLE OF NEW APPROACHES APPLICABLE TO ITALIAN SITUATION.

4. RE DRAFT NATIONAL ENERGY PLAN (REF C), MIGLIUOLO STRESSED THAT THIS WAS PASSED TO AMBASSADOR VOLPE IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE. USG DELEGATION SHOULD NOT RPT NOT REVEAL TO MEMBERS OF ITALIAN DELEGATION TO EWG THAT DOCUMENT IS IN USG POSSESSION. HE URGED THAT USDEL USE ONLY FIGURES PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED.

5. MIGLIUOLO WILL ACCOMPANY FONMIN RUMOR TO UNGA SPECIAL SESSION AND, ON ASSUMPTION ENDERS WILL ATTEND, EXPRESSED DESIRE TO SEE ENDERS BRIEFLY. GOI MISSION TO UN WILL SEEK TO ARRANGE. VOLEP

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